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Honorable Charlie Crist  
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Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to ask for your immediate assistance for the people of Monroe County, in my Congressional district, who are in great economic danger from the growing oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico.

As Monroe County is significantly dependent on tourism, the ongoing oil spill already has had a severe impact on its economy due to numerous cancellations in the middle of what has already been a severe economic downturn. The potential negative effect on small businesses and families would be catastrophic should the oil spill reach the Florida Keys.

I ask that as soon as possible you extend your earlier certification of economic injury to Monroe County so that its residents can receive economic injury disaster loans and other assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress

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Cc: SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills  
Monroe County elected officials